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In a castle town, a young mercenary is suddenly dragged into a fight in the amusement quarters.

The one being attacked is a strange man wearing a pelt over his shoulder.

The man suddenly tells him, "Become my bodyguard"...

And that was where it all began...

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Start
.....
WHAT?
Or should I say, there's been a flurry of questions about it...
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT JUST BUGS ME...
RIP
RIP
HOW DOES HE STAY, UH... STUCK TO YOUR SHOULDER LIKE THAT?
OH, YOU MEAN THIS...
IT'S JUST A LITTLE TRICK LIKE THIS, SEE?
Sliver Sliver
tremble tremble
twitch
SMIRK
Lol let's just say I didn't see anything...
IT'S A TRADE SECRET, MIND YOU, SO KEEP IT OFF THE RECORD.

"It's Funny because it's vague!" Says my editor K-san.

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Returning from the throne room (extra)

PIT-PAT
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WOLLY!
ELVIRA!!
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE! I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.
WELL, IF RIGHT-EYE'S WITH YOU, THEN I GUESS...
AND WHEN I WAS GOING UP THE STAIRS, HE HELD MY HAND!
AND WHEN I ALMOST SLIPPED, HE CAUGHT ME!
Caught you?
Twitch
AND HE HELD ME UNTIL THE VERY END TO PROTECT ME!
Hold you?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WENT INTO THE THRONE ROOM WITH HIM! DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW DANGEROUS THAT IS!!
IT'S FINE! THE KING'S GUARD WAS THERE, YOU KNOW.
Apparently it's a nickname only she's allowed to use.
Wolly
patronym
Wolf
nickname
WolfGang
name
Wolly?
...YES?
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
RIGHT-EYE? I'D REALLY LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ALONE FOR A MINUTE...

Papa's a bit of a doting father.

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WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?
CLANK
IT'S TERRIBLE!! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...
...HEY, YOU'RE ...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! STOP STANDING THERE AND DO SOMETHING! HURRY!!
...HUH?
DON'T "HUH" ME! YOU'RE A BODY-GUARD, AREN'T YOU?!
Come on!
Grab
NO, I...

BA-DUM
#1
Lock and Load
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
UH... WELL...
WELL, I DON'T CARE.
YOU JUMP INTO A FIRE, YOU'RE GONNA GET BURNED. NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
GET RID OF THE BASTARDS!!
...HOLD ON, WHA...?

You just worry...
Drop
About protecting your own damn self.
FEW
...GET 'EM!
SFX:BANG
SFX:BANG
WSH

THE BASTARD ...!
SFX:SWISH
SFX:SLINT

rustle
URG...
RETREAT!!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE USED TO THIS. WHAT ARE YOU, A MERCENARY?
YEAH.
clink
REALLY.
BECOME MY BODYGUARD, THEN.
WHAT?
THERE'S ONLY ONE RULE: DON'T DIE. GOT IT?
WHOA, WAIT...
IT'S A BIT LATE FOR YOU TO GET COLD FEET.

THAT WAS A SALES PITCH, WASN'T IT?
.....Wha?
THE... PELT...
...IT TALKED...
Hey, stop
WHAT? YOU...
DIDN'T YOU BACK US UP BECAUSE YOU KNEW IT WAS US?
.. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS COUNTRY...
WHAT? YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM? WHAT A FRAUD.

Listen, you. In this country, I'm proof of the King's identity.
And that's because *I choose the King*...
IN OTHER WORDS,
I, BEING THE ONE HE ACCOMPANIES, AM...
...THE KING?

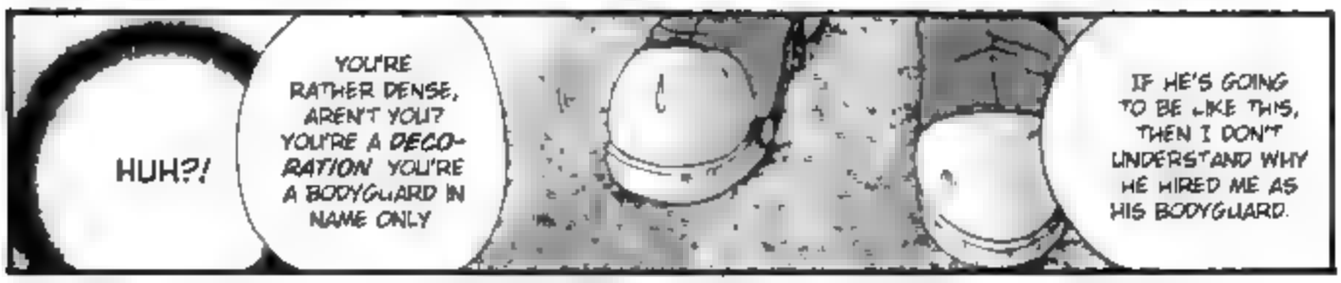
. GOOD GR.EF...
tweet
tweet
tweet
THINGS SOMEHOW GOT REALLY WEIRD REALLY FAST ..
THE KING'S GUN...?
THIS WAY, I THINK...
click
!

...DON'T GIVE ME THAT
WHAT, IT'S JUST YOU. That was close
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YEAH, WELL?" THAT WAS AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, YOU...
...WHOA. HEY!
Step
Step
Step
Step
IT LOOKS LIKE THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY ISN'T TOO WELL-LIKED, ARE YOU?
YEAH, WELL..

YO.
YOU'RE TELLING ME NOT TO FOLLOW YOU? THAT'S WHY YOU NEED A BODYGUARD TO.
SHUT UP AND STOP FOLLOWING ME.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
...YOUR MAJESTY.
WELL, I HAVE TO SAY HELLO TO ERN, OR ELSE THE DAY WON'T START PROPERLY
OH, MY, YOUR MAJESTY.
IS ERN THE ONLY ONE YOU'LL BE GREETING?
STEP
STEP
...?
PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT YOU'RE KIND ENOUGH TO COME EVERY DAY, AFTER ALL.
SORRY I'M LATE.
...Wobble...
UH, HELLO?
OF COURSE
TEE HEE, IT'S ONLY A JOKE. WILL YOU DO ME THE HONOR OF COMING WITH ME?
YOU THINK THESE FLOWERS ARE ALL FOR ONE PERSON?

glance
YOU'RE STILL HERE? GO AWAY ALREADY
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING? YOU'RE THE RULER OF THIS COUNTRY AREN'T YOU?
RIGHT AFTER SOMEONE MAKES AN ATTEMPT ON YOUR LIFE YOU GO OUT FOR A SECRET RENDEZVOUS?
WHAT?
YOU'RE SLOW TO CATCH ON, AREN'T YOU? I HIRED YOU THINKING YOU WERE SMARTER THAN THAT.
I CAN'T OBEY THAT ORDER. AS YOUR BODYGUARD, IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO...
Outsiders aren't allowed any further than this. Try not to get in the way, would you?
The next day.

twitch
..MAY I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
WHAT IS IT?
SLUMP
THE KING?
HE'S ALREADY LEFT FOR HIS MORN-ING DUTY.


HUH?!
YOU'RE RATHER DENSE, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE A DECO-RATION YOU'RE A BODYGUARD IN NAME ONLY
IF HE'S GOING TO BE LIKE THIS, THEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE HIRED ME AS HIS BODYGUARD.

!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM, YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE BLAME.
GOOD LUCK, KIDDO.
rush
rush
THE KING SAID THAT HE DOESN'T NEED A BODY-GUARD.
BUT NO ONE ELSE WILL ACCEPT THAT
BUT...

CREAK
OH?
YOU'RE.
Nice to meet you
I'M LIZA. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. IT MUST BE TOUGH.
YES, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT
CLICK
IF YOU'RE HERE FOR HIS MAJESTY THEN HE SHOULD BE IN THE SAME PLACE AS ALWAYS.
AH... YES...
YOU'RE THE NEW BODY-GUARD, AREN'T YOU?
A mercenary, I think?
!
TEE HEE. YOU'RE VERY FRANK.
BUT IT ISN'T SOMETHING EXCLUSIVE TO HIM... HIS MAJESTY, I MEAN.
THERE ARE RUMORS THAT THE LAST KING'S SUDDEN DEATH WAS ACTUALLY MURDER.
DISPUTES OVER THE CROWN ARE HARDLY RARE, NO MATTER THE COUNTRY
BUT CIRCUM-STANCES ARE DIF-FERENT HERE

IS THE POINT OF SUCH A KING?
THIS IS RIDICULOUS.
PLEASE, TAKE CARE..
OF HIS MAJESTY
IN THIS COUNTRY, THERE'S SOMEONE WHO CHOOSES THE KING.
YOU MEAN THAT ANYONE CAN OBTAIN THE THRONE IF THEY MAKE THAT SOMEONE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AS SUCH, EVEN IF IT'S BY FORCE?
WHAT IN THE WORLD...
MA
BA

"I HAVE TO SAY HELLO TO ERN..."
ERNEST...
ERN?
Ernest Raw Gretler
13rd SEP 1233 ~ 1259
THESE FLOWERS..
ERNEST GRETLER.
AS A KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL GUARD, HE BRAVELY FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR HIS KING..
A... GRAVE-YARD?
DON'T TELL ME HE WAS A BODYGUARD?
FOR HIS KING...
Ernest
13rd SEP
WOOSH

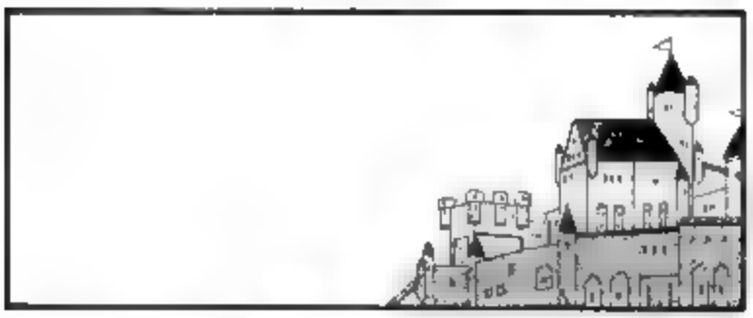
THIS IS...
A grave.
Can't you tell just by looking?
YOUR... BODY-GUARD'S?
Mine.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HIRK ...!
JUMP
DOES THE NUMBER OF FLOWERS REPRESENT HOW MANY TIMES YOU WERE SAVED?
IS THAT WHAT IT MEANS?
THIS S...
.....
WHY?
WHY WHAT?
WHY WOULD YOU CLING TO THE THRONE AND CONTINUE TO BE KING...
EVEN IF IT MEANS SEND-ING THIS MANY GUARDS TO THEIR DEATHS?

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
ALL RIGHT, I SEE.
BUT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK YOU.
Grr
THE DEAD DON'T HAVE MOUTHS OR EARS.
Jump
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH ME!!
THEY DIED FOR YOU!
WHY WOULD ANY OF YOU GO SO FAR AS....
...!

BEING KING DOES NOTHING BUT BOX ME IN... BUT YOU KNOW ..
brush
...?
..I'M NOT CLINGING TO THE THRONE

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO.
AND UNTIL I'VE DONE IT,
I'LL CONTINUE SITTING ON THE THRONE, NO MATTER WHAT UNSIGHTLY, COWARDLY, CRUEL THINGS I HAVE TO DO.. NO MATTER WHO I HAVE TO SACRIFICE.
BUT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

SO THAT YOU DON'T
HAVE TO SACRIFICE ANYTHING ELSE...
JUST LIKE THEM.
BODY-GUARDS ARE SOME-THING I USE AND THROW AWAY
GOT IT?
YOU CAN AT LEAST PROTECT YOURSELF, CAN'T YOU?
Slide
IT'D BE A PAIN IN THE ASS IF YOU WENT AND DIED ON ME.
YOU WANT TO GET BACK HOME TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY ALIVE, DON'T YOU? DO IT RIGHT
...SO THAT'S WHY...
WEAR NG SUCH A PAINED EXPRESSION,
...THAT'S NOT TRUE.
LEAVING FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE GRAVE EVERY DAY...



YOU FIGHT...

ALL ALONE.

CREAK
.....
AN IDIOT? THOSE WORDS ARE PRACTICALLY TREASON AGAINST THE KING. I SHOULD FIRE YOU...
BUT IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
DON'T TELL ME OFF LIKE THAT I'LL FIRE YOU.
YOU'RE NOT TOO HONEST, ARE YOU?
YOU TAKE ALL THE WEIGHT UPON YOURSELF, AND YOU REFUSE TO LOOK BACK.
Step
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD NOT PROTECT YOU, NOT AFTER SEEING THAT LONELY BACK OF YOURS.

FORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE A HOME TO GO BACK TO, SO IF YOU DON'T MIND, I THINK I'LL STAY FOR A WHILE.
.....
.. ...
Do whatever you want.
I'M AN IDIOT, TOO.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOCUS ON MY JOB AND DO IT RIGHT.
BUT STILL...

IT'S STILL THERE,
IN HIS BACK...
...GET DOWN!!
I CAN'T DRAW MY SWORD IN TIME!
END
Dash

I WANT TO PROTECT HIM MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE...

drip
Breathe
drip
drip
_WHA_P
YOUR MAJESTY!

WE HAVE HIM!
FINISH HIM OFF!!
SFX: YANK
PROTECT HIS MAJESTY!!
INTRUDERS! CALL REIN-FORCEMENTS!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? WHY DID YOU COVER ME?!
... WHAT ... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
UGH...
IT FEELS GREAT, DOESN'T IT?

Watching someone die because of you.
WHA..?
GET IT?
YOU WERE JUST ABOUT ...
TO MAKE ME FEEL THAT WAY.
I SAID IT, DIDN'T I? DON'T DIE!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, "I THINK I'LL STAY FOR A WHILE"? WHAT THE HELL?
WEREN'T YOU BLABBERING ON AND ON ABOUT HOW YOU WERE DETERMINED TO WATCH MY BACK SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS EVER AGAIN?!

...OH...
I GET IT.
THE REASON WHY HIS BACK SEEMED SO LONELY...
IS BECAUSE HE FEARS THE PAIN OF BEING LEFT BEHIND.
EVEN IF HE UNDERSTANDS IT, HE CAN'T CAST IT AWAY.
...AND THAT'S WHY...
..WAY.
WHAT?
...GET OUT OF MY WAY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THAT WOUND...
gasp
.....
THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!!
BACK THEN...
AFTER HUN!!

I'LL BE DAMNED IF I LET HIM GET AWAY!!
NOW MOVE!!
SFX FWP
CLICK
CLICK
wobble
BANG
BANG
UGH...

I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.
I'LL PROTECT YOU.
So shoot...
straight and true.
BANG

..HAH.
YOU'VE GOT ..
A GOOD EYE ON YOU... DON'T YOU...
SLUMP
...YOUR MAJESTY!!

HOW IS HE?
HE'S STILL BEING TREATED... PLEASE, BE QUIET!
WHAT ABOUT HIS INJURED EYE? CAN...
BAM
.. HOW .. IS HE?
click
.....
I'm sorry, but...
DA
DOWN

"WE COULDN'T... SAVE HIS EYE."
CLICK
OH, IT'S YOU.
HUH?
..MY EYE.
creak
clench
I DON'T NEED AN EYE THAT DIFFERENT OF A COLOR.
BUT IT'S MY FAULT THAT
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN...
tap
rush!
MY EYE
TAKE MY EYE TO MAKE UP FOR YOURS.

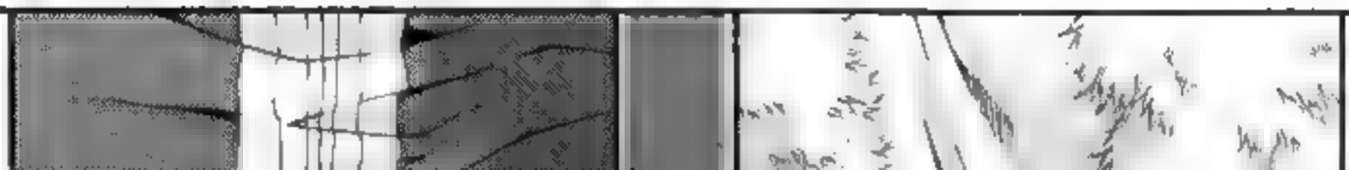
Become my right eye.
...HUH?
YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE, DON'T YOU?
YOU'D BETTER MAKE UP FOR IT.

THE LIFE THAT WAS SAVED.
THE RESOLVE THAT WAS TAUGHT
AND THE NEW NAME THAT WAS GRANTED...
GOT IT? "RIGHT-EYE."
Protect me...
as my right eye.

PROTECT THAT BACK UNTIL THE VERY END.

...YES, YOUR MAJESTY.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL...



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WOLF
#2 Irreplaceable
DAMN, JUST GIVE UP ALREADY.
FIRST OF ALL...
I *decide* who rules this kingdom.
Like I'd ever install my chosen king's killer as the next king. Idiots.
...OH?

clank
...TCH!
RETREAT FOR NOW!!
...RIGHT-EYE "
HAS A VERY STRONG BODYGUARD BY HIS SIDE.
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE SOME PETTY NOBODY COULD TAKE OFF MY HEAD.
AFTER ALL, THIS KING STANDING BEFORE YOU ...

#2 Irreplaceable

BUT, YOUR MAJESTY!
THEY'RE JUST SOME HIRED PUNKS. LET 'EM GO.
IF WE LET THEM GO, YOU'LL BE ATTACKED AGAIN.
SUCH ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS MUST BE NIPPED IN THE BUD, AND TO DO THAT, WE MUST UNEQUIVOCALLY CRUSH.
NO ONE WILL DOUBT YOUR SKILL JUST BECAUSE YOU LET THEM GO.
If they come again,
you'll just drive them away again.
SFX. RUSTLE

RUSTLE
WE'RE GOING HOME.
RUSHLE
!
STOP, RIGHT-EYE!!
flop
COME ON, SERIOUSLY?
WHERE'D THIS BRAT COME JUMPING OUT FROM?
CRASH

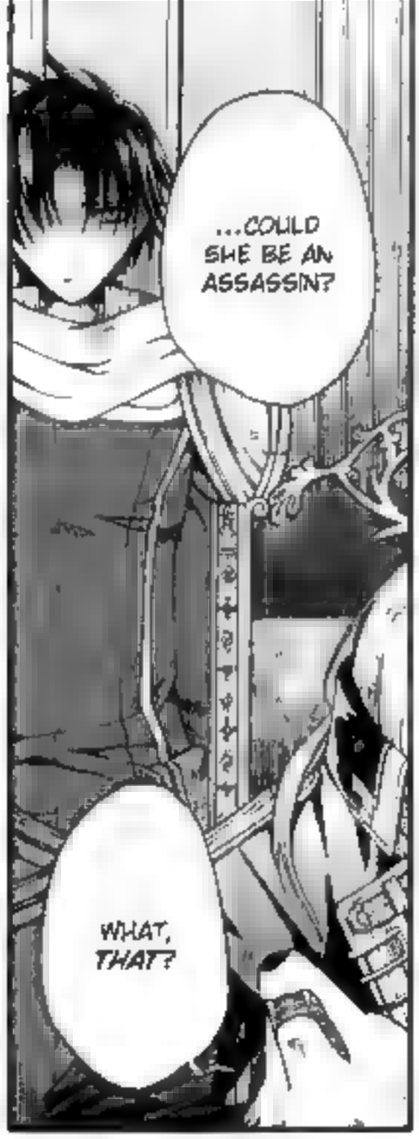
!
YOU'RE ..
PRINCESS PHOTONA OF IRVINE...?
...?
WHAT THE HELL
IS SHE DOING HERE...?

I HAD TO!!
THEY WERE GOING TO SEND ME AS AN OFFERING TO SEAL A MARRIAGE ALLIANCE!
YOU RAN AWAY FROM HOME?
Sigh
..SO WHY'D YOU HAVE TO COME HERE?
SMILE
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE NEAREST FRIENDLY NATION. ♡
SHE HAD A YOUNGER BROTHER BORN LAST YEAR.
IRVINE'S LINE OF SUCCESSION PRIORITIZES THE MALES.
Don't give me that ♡
ISN'T HER HIGHNESS PRINCESS PHOTONA THE HEIR TO THE THRONE...?
BY THE WAY,
IS THAT GENTLEMAN "RIGHT-EYE?"
What a pain

YOU'RE THE BELOVED BODYGUARD HIS MAJESTY SACRIFICED HIS RIGHT EYE TO PROTECT, AREN'T YOU?
THAT WAS ONE WORD TOO MUCH.
tick
click
DEAR ME, NO NEED TO BE SHY! ♡
STOP SPOUTING CRAP AND GET OUT OF HERE ALREADY.
OR SHOULD I SEND FOR A MOUNTED ESCORT TO MEET YOU?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, WOULD YOU?
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL GO BACK UNTIL THE MARRIAGE IS CALLED OFF!
I'LL BE IMPOSING ON YOU UNTIL THEN.
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS.

I THINK HE'S LOOKING DOWN ON YOU.
SHUT IT

HEY.
..YES?
IF I WERE AN ASSASSIN, I'D TRICK THE ESCORT AND..


...COULD SHE BE AN ASSASSIN?
WHAT, THAT?

YOU'LL GET WRINKLES IF YOU KEEP FROWNING LIKE THAT.
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP
AND BESIDES...

YOUR MAJESTY
I WISH TO DISCUSS SOME STATE AFFAIRS
CLICK
NO, I JUST...

knock knock
I'M NOT SO STUPID THAT I'D GET MYSELF STABBED BY A LITTLE GIRL. DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.
Come in

. . .I WILL STEP OUTSIDE.
PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU NEED ME
Sigh
.....
Sniff
YOUR HIGH-NESS?
I'M JEALOUS OF YOU.
MY KING WON'T EVEN PROTECT ME.

.. PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND IT WAS HIS MAJESTY'S WISH TO AVOID ANY LOSSES THAT LED HIM TO LEAP IN. .
YOU'RE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HIM THAT HE LEAPT IN TO SAVE YOU! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE BY HIS SIDE NOW...
I CAN'T ..
ATONE FOR THE RIGHT EYE I MADE HIM LOSE..
THROUGH ANYTHING BUT ACTING AS HIS BODYGUARD.
.. YOU FEEL...
INDEBTED TO HIM, DON'T YOU.
.....

WE ARE ..
ENVOYS FROM IRVINE.
CLACK
WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING.
.. SO THEY'RE HERE.
THE PRINCESS IS IN THE COURTYARD WITH HIM.
SHOULD WE FETCH HER?
BAM
.....

hide
HOW DID YOU GET HERE SO FAST..
..BUDHIA.
"RIGHT-EYE."
IS KING IN HIS OFFICE?
PRINCESS PHOTONA!! YOU'RE SAFE!
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T WANT TO!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
NO! I WON'T GO BACK!
LET US GO.
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU COME, NOW
. POSITION?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR POSITION?!
DON'T BE SO SELFISH !!

MY POSITION ?!
FIRST I'M THE HEIR TO THE THRONE, THEN I'M A HUMAN SACRIFICE? WHAT AM I?!
..PRINCESS PHOTONA..
I CAN'T BEAR BEING PLASTERED WITH DIFFERENT LABELS ALL THE TIME!!
WHAT, NOW THAT I HAVE A BROTHER, I HAVE TO BE MARRIED OFF?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!
Sa...
I'LL SIT ON THE THRONE.
SO I'M NOT GOING BACK.
..YOUR HIGHNESS?
.HUH?

HUH?
THEY'RE ENVOYS FROM IRVINE.
ADVISOR, WHO ARE THESE GENTLEMEN?
DASH
BUT THE ENVOYS JUST ARRIVED A FEW MOMENTS AGO. THEY'RE WITH HIS MAJESTY RIGHT NOW...
!
"IF I WERE AN ASSASSIN, I'D TRICK THE ESCORT AND..."
IT COULDN'T BE...
ASSASSINS?
SFX·BANG

SFX BANG
...YOUR MAJESTY?!
SFX CRASH
Thump
WHAT—
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING?

THUMP
THUMP
"HIS MAJESTY THE KING ..."
"BARELY ESCAPES WITH HIS LIFE," I THINK YOU COULD SAY.
!
THE ROYAL COAT OF ARMS?
...They're my escort.
IT— IT'S YOU?
THAT'S
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

I'M GOING TO SIT ON THE THRONE, SO I WON'T GO BACK.
..YOUR HIGHNESS?
IN THIS COUNTRY,
IF YOU ONLY GET THIS PELT HERE TO GIVE YOU THE NOD, YOU GET TO SIT ON THE THRONE.
I JUST SAID IT, BUDHIA, DIDN'T I?
EVEN IF YOU'RE A TRAITOR OR A WOMAN, RIGHT?
HOW VERY PERCEPTIVE OF YOU.
I'LL BE TAKING YOUR HEAD.

SFX SLASH
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN.
HE WON'T TAKE IT LYING DOWN.
DON'T GET IN MY WAY.
*RIGHT EYE OF THE KING *
I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT BAD OF A DEAL FOR YOU.

Rather than serving out of some sense of debt,
wouldn't it be easier to just die?
OR WHAT? ARE YOU ACTUALLY HAPPY ABOUT BEING GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT?
...I'M AFRAID...
YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING SOMETHING.
I CERTAINLY AM GUILTY OF SOMETHING I MUST ATONE FOR.
BUT THE ONE AND ONLY REASON I PROTECT AND DEFEND HIS MAJESTY
Is because I wish to.

. WHAT A WORTHLESS, SILLY MAN.
THEN THE TWO OF YOU CAN DIE HAPPY TOGETHER.
dark
SFX BANG

KING!!
BLIND SPOT! TO YOUR RIGHT!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT.
I have no blind spots.

SFX THUD
...!!
YOUR HIGH-NESS?
"RIGHT-EYE"!
STOP!!

SFX: THUD!
I WILL NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE OF KILLING HER.
slump
EVEN IF SHE MASTERMINDED AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT SENTENCING ANOTHER NATION'S ROYAL TO DEATH WOULD LEAD TO MORE TROUBLE THAN IT IS WORTH
I wish
UNDER OFFICIAL ROYAL DECREE,
YOU WILL FULFILL YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ROYALTY.
.....
COME ON, WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING SO DAZED ABOUT?

SOLDIER
YOU CAME TO FETCH HER, DIDN'T YOU? HURRY UP AND GET HER THE HELL OUT OF HERE
YES, BUT
DO YOU REALLY THINK I COULD SUE A LITTLE GIRL FOR DAMAGES? WHAT AN EMBARRASS-MENT.
YOU GO AND PASS JUDGMENT ON HER IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY.
KING !!

Tremble
I've changed my mind.

CLICK
I sentence you to death for premeditated murder.
...YOUR MAJESTY ?!
Pad
OW!
KYAA...!
SFX: BANG
KING!!
SFX: PANT

STOP IT, KING! DON'T JUMP THE GUN!
IF YOU KILL ME, YOU'LL CAUSE AN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE
MAYBE YOU CAN'T MAKE RATIONAL JUDGMENTS IN HOT BLOOD?
KING!!
DO YOU FEEL SUCH GUILT AT LETTING SO MANY BODYGUARDS DIE...
THAT YOU'RE THE ONE PROTECTING YOUR BODY-GUARD INSTEAD? HOW NAIVE.
AREN'T YOU MISUNDER-STANDING SOMETHING?
YOU CAN'T SIT ON A THRONE IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF MAKING SACRIFICES.
YOUR MAJ...
THERE ARE COUNTLESS REPLACEMENTS FOR A BODY-GUARD.
FOR A BODYGUARD, THAT IS.
OH, YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

AIM
What with your brother now being the heir, you've got a replacement, too. No problem, right?
KING!!
YOU. YOU WON'T SHOOT ME.
GASP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RIGHT-EYE?! STOP HIM!
DON'T!!
CREAK
It's too late.
SFX: SQUEEZE
NO, STOP!!

AHH...!
Too bad. I'm out of bullets.
Click

FWISH
I KNOW HOW MANY BULLETS I HAVE LEFT
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO SHOOT HER.

HEY.
WHAT?!
. AT LEAST, I THOUGHT I DID.

. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU. TERRIFYING US ALL LIKE THAT ...

-tug
GRAB
!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
YOU GET TOO WORKED UP ABOUT STUFF.
I'M GIVING FIRST AID TO MY BODY-GUARD WHO WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO GET STABBED BY A LITTLE GIRL.
COME ON, GIMME YOUR HAND.
Yank
YOUR MAJESTY ?
YOU'LL WORSEN YOUR INJURY WHAT ARE YOU!..
"WHAT AM I DOING?"
YEAH, YOU SHOULD BE.
. I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.

WITH THESE HANDS...
YAK
IF YOU GET IT..
GETTING YOURSELF HURT LIKE THIS...
DO YOU EVEN GET IT?
..YES.
Then heal this in three days by willpower.
SMACK
IT'S A HUGE HASSLE. BUT WE'RE GOING ON A TRIP THIS WEEKEND.
.....

BUT YOUR MAJESTY...
YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE SITTING ON YOUR ASS!
ANYONE CAN REPLACE A BODYGUARD,
But there's no other replacement for my *right eye.*
RIGHT EYE...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET'S GO, RIGHT-EYE.
...Yes, Your Majesty!

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Oh.
I DON'T NEED A BAG. IT'LL JUST BE TRASHED ANYWAY. WHAT'S IT CALLED? ECOLOGY OR SOME-THING? WHATEVER IT IS. I SHOULD BE A MODEL OF...
..YOUR MAJESTY.
WHAT THE HELL S THAT LOOK FOR? IT'S NOT LIKE I MADE YOU WAIT ALL TOO LONG ..
PARDON ME, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT IF I MAY SAY SO, I THINK...
THAT GOING OUT INTO TOWN TO BUY LIQUOR WHEN YOU KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN IS A FAR CRY FROM TRYING TO BE ECO-FRIENDLY.
Jingle
Bell
#3
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BESIDES, I'VE SAID IT BEFORE.
Shiver
I'M THE ONE WHO PICKS THE KING, AND I'M NOT TAKING RECOMMENDATIONS OR APPLICATIONS.
AND EVEN IF YOU OFF HIM, I WON'T PUT YOU ON THE THRONE. I'VE SAID IT TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
#3
The Last Guard - 1
It's time for you to strut your stuff, "Right-Eye."
Do it nice and neat, now.
Slash
NAUGHTY CHILDREN WHO DON'T LISTEN...
Lift

GET HIM!!
Are punished. ♡
SFX: FWIP
SFX: BANG
...WHOA!
WOBBLE
SLIP
GRAAA!

SFX: CLANG
SHK
CLICK
OH, YEAH
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE THEM PAVE THIS. THE GRAVEL'S TOO SLIPPERY.
BA
PLEASE BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, YOUR MAJESTY.
THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY.
NG
YOU SHOULD ACT FAST, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
BEFORE IT HAPPENS AGAIN.

Why don't you just give up the throne...
before you have to regret getting your bodyguard killed again?
DASH
THAT WOULD BE...
CLANG
DON'T TALK BIG...
UGH ...

UNTIL AFTER...
YOU'VE GOTTEN RID OF HIS BODYGUARD.
.YOU BASTARD.
. TCH!
WITH-DRAW!
YOUR MAJESTY!!
WHO KNOWS WHAT SOMEONE SEEKING TO USURP THE THRONE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DO...
AND YET YOU DARE GO OUT! SHOW SOME PRUDENCE!!
YOU COULDN'T HAVE POSSIBLY FORGOTTEN THAT THE CORONATION IS TOMORROW, COULD YOU?!

LORD FENRIR!!
WHY WON'T YOU REPRIMAND HIM?!
Ugh, why stir up the hornet's nest?
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT? I'VE GOT HIM WITH ME
NO NEED TO WORRY, I'M FINE ..
tap
YOU WILL STOP CAUSING US SUCH WORRY, YOUR MAJESTY
CREAK
HAVING AN UNKNOWN FORMER MERCENARY ACT AS YOUR BODYGUARD ...
AND I'VE HEARD THAT HE'S LET ASSASSINS ESCAPE AGAIN.
HE MAY BE THEIR COLLABO-RATOR...
IF HE WERE, THEN I WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE NOW
HE COULD KILL THE PETTY NOBODIES, BUT IF IT DOESN'T CUT IT OFF AT THE SOURCE, THERE'S NO POINT
You keep out of it.
I'm the one trusting my back to him.

CLUNK
WHAT?
YOUR MINISTERS ARE RIGHT TO WORRY
PARDON?
SHOW ME YOUR HAND.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, "RIGHT-EYE"?
YOU JUST HAD A TUSSLE, DIDN'T YOU?
WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE BANDAGE AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE WOUND
Do you not have any sense of pain?
...OH...
THEY SAY FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD, DON'T THEY? A WISE MAN DOESN'T COURT DANGER.
AND THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PROTECTING YOU, TOO
BATHROOM.
I CAN PISS ON MY OWN, DON'T COME WITH ME.
YOUR MAJESTY?

HE'S VISITING A GRAVE... ISN'T HE
TODAY'S THE MONTHLY ANNIVERSARY OF RO'S DEATH, TOO.
...THAT AGAIN. HUH.
Click
...RO?
ROLAND HE WAS A KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL GUARD.
HE WAS THE LAST BODYGUARD OUT OF THE ROYAL GUARD— YOUR PREDECESSOR.
. .I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS YOUR BODYGUARD.
FROM THE ROYAL GUARD, ROLAND CORDIS AT YOUR SERVICE.
I WILL PROTECT YOU, YOUR MAJESTY. PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME!!

And honestly...
It was a horribly gruesome end.
Roland Dill Cordis
APR. 1259
..IT REALLY AFFECTED HIM, I THINK.
HE DIDN'T TAKE ANY OTHER BODYGUARDS AFTER ROLAND.

WRAP
AND SO THE ONE HE PICKED AS HIS NEW BODYGUARD...
WAS YOU, A MERCENARY.
TUG
SORRY, BUT...
I THOUGHT HE'D HIRED YOU AS A THROWAWAY PIECE...
BUT THEN HE TRADES HIS RIGHT EYE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE,
AND THEN SAYS NOT TO LOOK INTO YOUR BACK-GROUND. .
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S THINKING.
SQUEEZE
I have no idea, but...
We can trust you, can't we?

Reach
..LORD ADVISOR.
I AM THE KING'S RIGHT EYE.
AND THE EYE WILL NEVER TURN AGAINST THE BODY IT BELONGS TO. I SWEAR IT.
..I SEE.
YEAH..
YOUR MAJESTY!

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM MAKING EXCURSIONS UNACCOMPANIED.
THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW WHO MIGHT BE TARGETING YOU.
LIKE THAT BRAT THERE?
With all due respect, Your Majesty,
AVENGE? WHO?
I will avenge him.

PREPARE YOURSELF!
DASH
ROLAND.
A KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL GUARD...
CLICK
SFX: CLANG
HIS MAJESTY IS NOT THE ONE TO TAKE OUT YOUR VENGEANCE ON.
HE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
SCRE

Thunk
CLANG
. . . THAT WOULD BE TRUE...
IF HE'D ACTUALLY DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY!!
Squeeze
ROLAND!!
RO...
BANG
YOU KILLED HIM.

..WHAT RIDICU-LOUS...
I AM HERE TO TAKE MY REVENGE
flip
I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL, ONE-ON-ONE.
I WON'T LET YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T.
I SAW IT...
WITH MY OWN EYES!

"RIGHT-EYE."
USING VENGEANCE AS A GUISE TO APPROACH HIM?
I WON'T LET YOU—
..YOUR MAJESTY?
REACH
LEMME HAVE THAT FOR A MOMENT

STEP DOWN.
FWOOOSH
WERE ME, AND RO...
THE ONLY PEOPLE THERE AT THAT TIME.
YOU SAW IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES? WELL, ISN'T THAT FINE.
And the assassins who set us up.
Which one of us should be taking revenge?
Shock
... WHAT?!
IS KING SAFE?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

RAY?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU MUSTN'T, MINISTER! IT'S DANGEROUS TO RUSH IN THERE! DO YOU KNOW HIM?!
HE'S RAYMOND-
ROLAND'S BROTHER!
. BUT THE REPORT SAID THAT HE DISAPPEARED...
ONE OF ROLAND'S FRIENDS TOOK HIM IN LATER.
I TOOK CHARGE OF HIM AND LOOKED AFTER HIM, BUT .. WHY. . HOW COULD THIS...
I WAS HONORED TO CALL HIM MY OLDER BROTHER.
RAY!!

I'M GOING TO PROTECT HIS MAJESTY! ISN'T IT AMAZING?
I'VE BEEN APPOINTED AS HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S BODY-GUARD!!
...BEING A KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL GUARD..
Squeeze
REALLY?
WAS MY BROTHER'S GREATEST PRIDE.
AND YET!
WHY?!
IT WAS TRAITORS THAT KILLED HIM!
IT'S NOT KING'S FAULT THAT—
THAT MAN...!
YES, IT IS!!
Jump
Stomp

KILLED MY BROTHER!!
...YEAH.
...YOUR MAJESTY?!
CLANK
THUNK
KING!!

...Sorry.
But I can't...
go to my final resting place just yet.

IF I DIED HERE,
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LOOK ANY OF THEM IN THE EYE OVER IN THE NEXT WORLD.

HARSH, AREN'T YOU.
...YOU'RE JUST PLAYING WITH WORDS.

But, you know...
as the King, I protect this country. That's the only way...
I can repay everyone who died to protect me.

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ..
THE REASON THEY'RE DEAD

Shlurk
...SHUT UP!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!
DASH
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
!
RIGHT-EYE! WAIT...
fwish
KING!! YOUR WOUND!!
Tch
THAT BASTARD. SO DEVOTED TO HIS JOB.
Huh?
OH, IT'S NOT THAT BAD.

WHIRL
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!!
whoa
Yaoi
LIKE HELL IT'S NOT BAD!!
You're bleeding!!
STOP!!
...!?
DASH
HE'S A TRAITOR!!
ARREST...
shhhk

SFX SLASH
YOU?
FROM THIS MORN-ING!
HOW DID IT GO?
IT WORKED. I WOUNDED HIM.

DASH
clink
..SO YOU WERE WORKING TOGETHER.
HAH, WITH A BRAT LIKE THAT? YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.
HE SAID HE WANTED REVENGE, SO I JUST GAVE HIM A HAND.
!?
WELL DONE. GO ON AHEAD.

BY PUTTING POISON ON THE BLADE OF HIS SWORD.
ISN'T THAT NICE OF ME?
DON'T WORRY, IT'S NOT TOO FAST-ACTING.
I GAVE YOU ENOUGH TIME TO SAY YOUR GOODBYES.

Whoosh
If you kill me...
His Majesty won't be saved, either.
flutter
SINCE I HAVE THE ANTIDOTE.
..WE CAN MAKE..
IF YOU CAN MAKE THE ANTIDOTE, I DON'T MIND. GO AHEAD AND STAB ME.
Oh?
YOU WEREN'T A MERCENARY FOR NOTHING, I SEE
.. THAT'S RIGHT
.....

STEP
.....
SO LET'S TALK IT OUT, "RIGHT EYE OF THE KING"

...?
MY CLIENT WANTS A CERTAIN PELT, YOU KNOW?

I WOULDN'T MIND GIVING YOU THE ANTIDOTE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIM.
IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PROOF OF THE CROWN, LORD FENRIR OF SHIROGANE.

Poisons used in assassinations are special blends.
In this business, failing to kill your target makes people lose confidence in you.
So the target has to die before he can get the antidote, or else it's just pointless.

...IT'S A TRAP!
YOU'VE GOT TWO CHOICES.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FEELING TOO GOOD. DID YOU HEAR ME?
I DON'T CARE WHICH PATH YOU CHOOSE, BUT WELL, I'D LIKE TO BE SPARED THE HASSLE OF HAVING TO STEAL IT
IF THE KING DIES, BOTH THE THRONE AND THE PELT ARE UP FOR GRABS.
.. ARE YOU TELLING ME TO GIVE YOU THE THRONE?

Or you can let him die a King.
You can save his life.
BUT...!!
Which one do you pick?

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I'D ADVISE AGAINST ASKING FOR HELP.
I'M NOT FOOL ENOUGH TO WAIT TO BE ARRESTED...
AND YOU'RE A MERCENARY AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD. WHICH ONE OF US DO YOU THINK THEY'LL TRUST?
YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR CHOICE SOON.
There's *no tomorrow* for His Majesty.

#4

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...HOW IS HIS WOUND?
MINISTER HUSH?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT LED HIM TO SEEK VENGEANCE?
BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE'S ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.
IT'S NOT BAD. WHAT ABOUT RAY?
WE'RE SEARCHING FOR HIM NOW
AS HIS FOSTER FATHER, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR HIS ACTIONS...
JUMP
crush
LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.
DON'T TELL ME YOU COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE THAT HIS MAJESTY KILLED RO.

IF I COULD GIVE A SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO THAT,
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY NEED TO POST GUARDS ON ME.
THEN I WILL TAKE THE LIBERTY OF SPEAKING
RUSTLE
RAY IS NOT A CHILD WHO WOULD LIE ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT TO KEEP YOUR MAJESTY'S HONOR AND NAME INTACT,
I SUGGEST THAT YOU GO BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT TO PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE.
WHAT ARE YOU...
TO BE HONEST, THAT WOULD JUST BE A PAIN IN THE ASS.
WELL, I SUPPOSE I DON'T HAVE VETO POWER HERE...
What a waste of the taxpayer's money
BANG
YOUR MAJ...
PARDON MY INTERRUPTION. I WISH TO SPEAK TO HIS MAJESTY.

HIS MAJESTY IS SUSPECTED OF KILLING A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD.
UNTIL HE IS CLEARED OF SUSPICION, HE IS BEING CONFINED.
?

WE ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW, SIR GUARD
LORD SHIROGANE, THIS WAY, PLEASE.
LET ME GO!
I HAVE TO SPEAK TO HIS MAJESTY ...
GRAB

.....
RIGHT-EYE.
!?
UP

PLOP
Take care of him for me.
Hi!
WAI... PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
YOUR MAJESTY!!
PLOP
.....
TCH
IF YOU CAN'T KILL HIM, PLOT HIS DOWN-FALL?
MASTER!
THIS IS

I AM HIS BODYGUARD I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY BY HIS SIDE TO PROTECT HIM.
DO YOU THINK WE, THE ROYAL GUARD, ARE UNRELI-ABLE?

LET ME IN. I HAVE TO SPEAK WITH HIS MAJESTY.
WE CANNOT ALLOW ANYONE ENTRY WITHOUT THE MINISTER'S PERMISSION.
crew
crew

THERE IS... A TRAITOR IN THE ROYAL GUARD...
glance

ABSURD!
HOW DARE A MERE MERCENARY INSULT US?!
Plop

HIS MAJESTY MAY HAVE FULL FAITH IN YOU. HOWEVER—
THAT'S ENOUGH
SAYING ANY MORE WOULD BE DISRESPECTFUL OF HIS MAJESTY. BESIDES...
LORD SHIROGANE IS PRESENT.

SIR "RIGHT-EYE." WE AND THE ROYAL GUARD.
DO NOT IN ANY WAY BELIEVE THAT HIS MAJESTY MURDERED ROLAND. HOWEVER...
THE MINISTER HAS BEEN SHAKEN BY HIS FOSTER SON'S MISCONDUCT.
FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SAKE AS WELL, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS.
PLEASE, LEAVE THIS TO US.
OH, WOW.
THEY'VE EVEN SET UP A GUARD OUTSIDE
CONSIDERING HOW SUDDEN EVERYTHING WAS, THEY'RE PRETTY SOLID, AREN'T THEY?
BUT REALLY. WHAT IS THAT IDIOT THINKING..

"I TOOK CHARGE OF HIM AND LOOKED AFTER HIM, BUT. ."
EVEN IF I SAID THAT HE PLOTTED WITH AN ASSASSIN TO MURDER HIS MAJESTY ...
"A FORMER MERCENARY ACTING AS YOUR BODY-GUARD .."
I DOUBT THAT ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE ME.
BYE
OR COULD IT BE THAT THE MINISTER IS ALSO INVOLVED ...
HEY.
GYA!
HEY, I SAID!
WHA- WHA- WHA- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
STOP LOOKING LIKE SUCH A COWARD.
OR DO EVEN YOU THINK THAT IDIOT KING KILLED HIM?

A man who sacrificed his own right eye to save a mercenary ...
Couldn't kill a bodyguard.
THE REASON HE DIDN'T DENY MURDERING HIM...
"IT REALLY AFFECTED HIM."
... S. BECAUSE HE FEELS GUILTY.
"OR WILL YOU LET HIM...
DIE A KING?"
clench
"RIGHT-EYE?"

...DO YOU LIKE GAMBLING?
I HAVE A POLICY OF NOT PLAYING GAMES I CAN'T WIN, YOU KNOW.
STEP
WE WON'T LOSE.
I SWEAR IT.
SWISH

SLAM
dip
ISN'T HE AROUND THERE SOME-WHERE?
BANG
...WHERE'S "RIGHT-EYE"?
dli
HE'S VANISHED.
WITH LORD SHIROGANE.
P
YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED AGAIN.

IF WE CANNOT FIND HIM, AND LORD SHIROGANE DOES NOT RETURN...
HE'S AN UNKNOWN VAGABOND HE MAY BE WORKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD USURP THE THRONE.
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT, TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
clip

YOU SHALL FACE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR TREASON BEFORE FACING CHARGES OF KILLING A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD!
BANG!

click
ALL RIGHT, THEN, WOLF.
clip
EXPLAIN IT TO ME IN A WAY I CAN UNDER-STAND.
clip
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE?
slump
..GIVE ME A BREAK ALREADY ..

...HUH?
STRIP, WOULD YOU?

Thud
WHAT IS IT?
BESIDES, IF ANYTHING HAPPENED, THE GUARD POSTED OUTSIDE WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT.
...NO,
HE JUST DROPPED A BOOK. IT'S NOTHING.
...I AM THE KING'S RIGHT EYE.

AND THE EYE WILL NEVER TURN AGAINST THE BODY IT BELONGS TO. I SWEAR IT.
I CAN TRUST YOU. CAN'T I?
"RIGHT-EYE."
CRUNCH
I HAD FAITH THAT YOU WOULD COME.

WELCOME, RIGHT EYE OF THE KING.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU
PELT?!
SLOSH
WELL, THEN, WHY DON'T YOU HAND OVER THE PELT.
..I THOUGHT SO. YOU CAME HERE TO STEAL THIS, DIDN'T YOU?
.....

THANKS TO YOU, THE ENTIRE PALACE IS IN AN UPROAR.
HIS MAJESTY PICKED UP QUITE THE TROUBLE-SOME STRAY
.. THAT'S QUITE SOME NERVE YOU'VE GOT THERE
CLICK
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
WHAT?!
THEY'RE SAYING THAT THE KING'S RIGHT EYE BETRAYED HIM AND FLED WITH THE PELT.
I'll do anything to achieve my goal. That's all there is to it.

...YOUR MAJESTY?!
...WELL, WELL.
YOU HEARD HIM, YOUR MAJESTY.
I was an idiot to leave things to you.
KING!!
THERE'S AN EXPLANATION FOR...
YOU'RE A TERRIBLE JUDGE OF CHARACTER, YOUR MAJESTY.

Hiring *two bodyguards in a row* who betray you.
...TWO...
IN A ROW?
RO?
RO...

WHOOSH
WELCOME, YOUR MAJESTY.
...YOUR MAJESTY?
. WHAT THE HELL KIND OF STUNT ARE YOU PULLING?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT, I...
THAT IS IT, ISN'T IT?
WELL, ROLAND?
ROLAND?
HE WAS COLLABO-RATING WITH US.
YOU WERE BETRAYED.
YOU'RE A BIT SLOW ON THE UPTAKE, YOUR MAJESTY.

.....
I'M SORRY... YOUR MAJESTY.
GET HIM!!
RUN
.....
AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HIRED A BODYGUARD.
Was being betrayed...
Really that much of a shock?

..THE SAME PLACE,
THE SAME TURN OF EVENTS. HOW VERY TRITE.
BUT IT'LL END THE SAME WAY, TOO.
WITH ALL MY ENEMIES DEAD, DOWN TO THE LAST.
Of course...
That includes the *traitor*, too.
?

SFX: BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
HE'S ONLY GOT GUNS!
IF WE GET IN CLOSE ...
WE CAN SLICE HIM IN HALF!
SFX: FWOOSH
YOUR MAJ...

CLICK
THE TRAITOR, TOO.
HE'S GOING TO SHOOT ME...
SEX BADUMP

SFX: SLASH
SLASH

THUD
HEY, YOU USELESS PIECE OF TRASH.
.....
...HUH?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ALL THOSE OTHER MORONS SO HE DIDN'T DO SOMETHING STUPID,
AND INSTEAD YOU GO AND WALK BOTH YOUR ASSES RIGHT INTO A TRAP DO YOU WANT TO BE A NEW RUG FOR MY OFFICE?
Ya
WHY THE HELL DO YOU THINK I MADE "RIGHT-EYE" TAKE YOU?
UH, WELL, YOU SEE...
He'll turn me into a rug
AND YOU, TOO.
Glare
Glare
...BUT, YOUR MAJESTY ...
Step
WHO THE HELL SAID YOU COULD GO BARGING IN LIKE THIS?
WHO WAS TELLING WHO NOT TO GO RUNNING OFF ALONE?

WHAT ABOUT THE TRAITOR...?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
"THERE'S NO TOMORROW FOR HIS MAJESTY."
Shut up >:(
There's a really good explanation for this
HELL. THIS IS WHY I DON'T NEED A BODY-GUARD...
WHAT IN THE WORLD...
DASH
RAY!
YOU...
THIS IS WHY YOU SNUCK OUT OF THE CASTLE?!

FREEZE
WHOA, THERE.
I WOULDN'T MOVE IF I WERE YOU.
COUGAR?
I KNEW THERE WAS A RAT,
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU, A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD, WERE THE TRAITOR.
Tremble
WHA— WHAT ARE...
..AREN'T YOU THE TINIEST BIT HUMILIATED ABOUT THIS, COUGAR?
USING THESE DIRTY, COWARDLY TRICKS OVER AND OVER...
STEP
RO SAID THE SAME THING.

THAT'S WHY I TOOK THIS PUNK HERE AS A HOSTAGE.
AND THREATENED RO INTO BRINGING YOU TO ME.
YEAH. I LEFT YOU ALIVE DIDN'T I?
I THOUGHT I COULD USE YOU SOMETIME, SO I LEFT YOU TO THE MINISTER.
click
NO... WAY
YOU...
WERE THE ONE WHO SAVED ME, WEREN'T YOU..?
AND THANKS TO THE EXCELLENT WAY YOU WORKED FOR ME...
RUN
CH

I'VE SAVED SOME TIME...?!
BAR
DASH
BANG!

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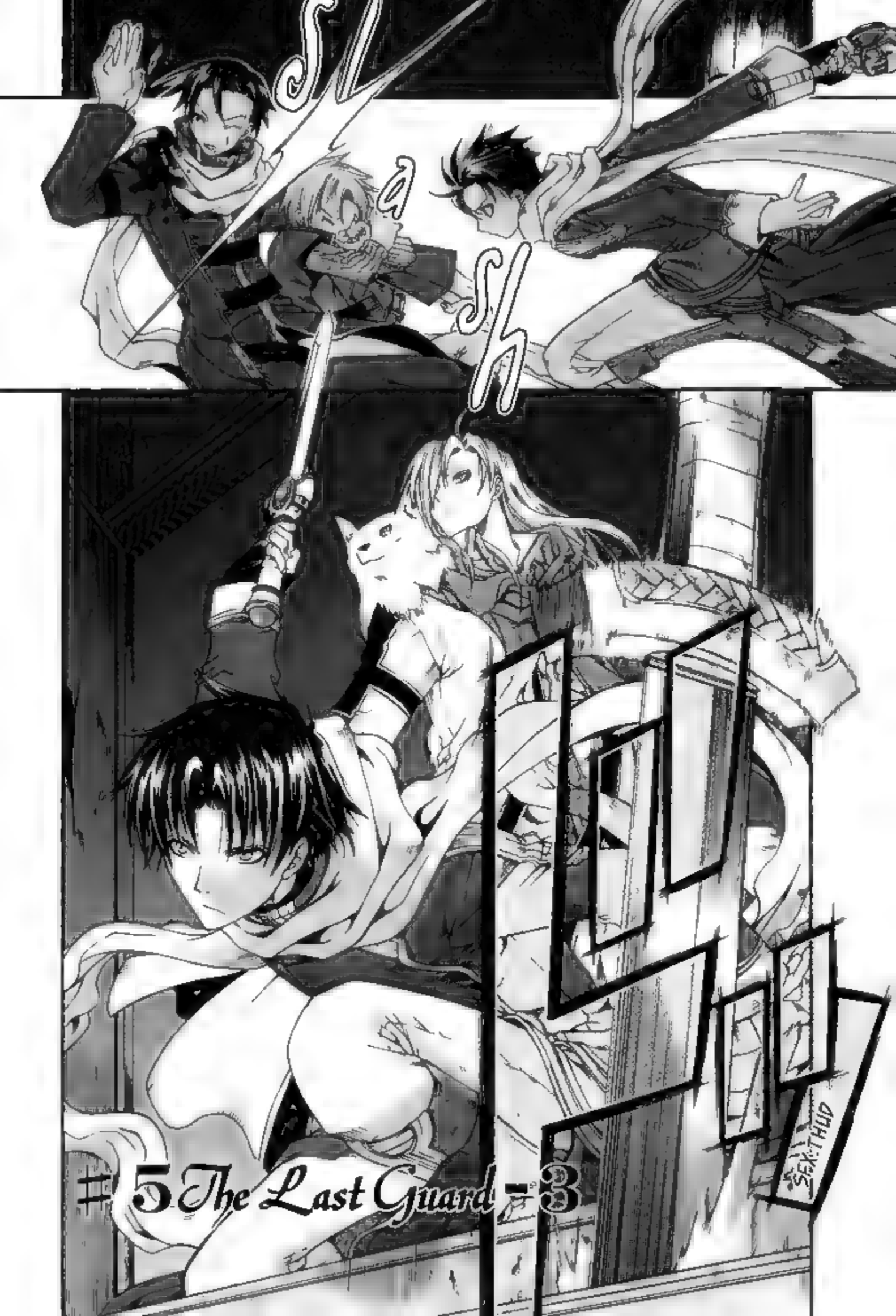
Slash
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SEKI HUB

GRAB
OW!
YOU BARELY SCRATCHED HIM!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
!
URG...
JUMP!
BUT IF WE KILL HIM, WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHO HE'S WORKING..
WHAT ARE YOU, SOME AMATEUR?
WE HAVE TO SAVE THE KID FIRST! AND BESIDES—
LET GO!
RUN

WE COULD CHOP HIS ARM OFF AND HE SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO TALK FOR A MINUTE OR TWO.
OK
drip
drip
GUARD
YOU PICKED THE PERFECT TIME TO MIS-CALCULATE, DIDN'T YOU.
I GUESS I'VE STILL GOT SOME LUCK LEFT.
Push
NO, YOU DON'T.
YOU REALLY NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHEN TO GIVE UP
YOU'VE GOT NO SHOT AT WINNING THIS AND NO WAY OUT. ACCEPT REALITY ALREADY
WEL...
Slip

I wonder about that.
HRH
Wobble
HUH?
AH—
WAHHH!
AHHH!
...SHIT...!
LEAP

SAVE ME.
AHH!
AHHHH!
BRO...!
I'M FALLING.
NO WAY.
FLY
BRO... IS THAT...?

I'M SORRY.
WHERE IS HE?!
!
THUD!
GOT AWAY, DID HE.
THUD
FLIP

HOLD IT, YOU IDIOT.
Ya
GYAH!
Slide
Gah
hk
THUD
PLEASE, LET ME FOLLOW HIM!
HE HAS THE ANTIDOTE!
IT'S NOT LIKE JUMPING OFF A CLIFF IS GONNA END WELL FOR HIM.
WERE YOU PLANNING ON FOLLOWING HIM?
ANTIDOTE? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DO YOU THINK I'D SCREW UP LIKE THAT? I JUST GOT CUT BY A SHARD OF GLASS.
Let go.
HIROE
HIROE
A SHARD .. OF GLASS?
..WHEN YOU WERE STABBED WITH THE SWORD.
THERE WAS POISON ON THE BLADE, AND...

Sniff
WHEN I STOPPED THE SWORD, IT BROKE THE BOTTLE.
~♪
?
THAT WAS A FAMOUS LIMITED-EDITION ...QUELIR!
AND POOF, GONE BEFORE I COULD EVEN HAVE A SIP...
Grgrt

AND I M DIZZY FROM HUNGER,
AND.. UGH, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'RE SERIOUSLY BEING CREEPY.
Jo/x
hehehehe

DO YOU THINK HE HIT HIS HEAD TOO HARD?
mutter
THEN HIS MAJESTY WASN'T ACTUALLY AT RISK OF BEING POISONED.
mutter
AND THIS ENTIRE NIGHT IS MY FAULT FOR JUMPING TO CONCLU-SIONS. .
mutter
LIKE HELL I KNOW. I BET YOU YANKED TOO HARD.
mutter

Really? That's great.
NO, IT'S NOT!
AGK

THAT'S NOT IT
AM I THAT UNRELIABLE TO YOU?
THROB
THROB
JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS LIKE AN IDIOT,
RUNNING STRAIGHT INTO A TRAP..
THEY WERE JUST TRYING TO PROTECT YOU.
HE...
AND MY BROTHER ..
HE WOULD FIGHT FOR YOU...
THAT EVEN IF I WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE,
I ACTUALLY KNEW IT.
BUT...
clench

I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT...!
HE DIED BECAUSE OF ME...
GRU
... THAT'S NOT TRUE.
NH
YEAH, IT IS!!
IF I HADN'T BEEN CAUGHT, THEN NONE OF IT WOULD HAVE...
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS.
ROLAND!!
RO...

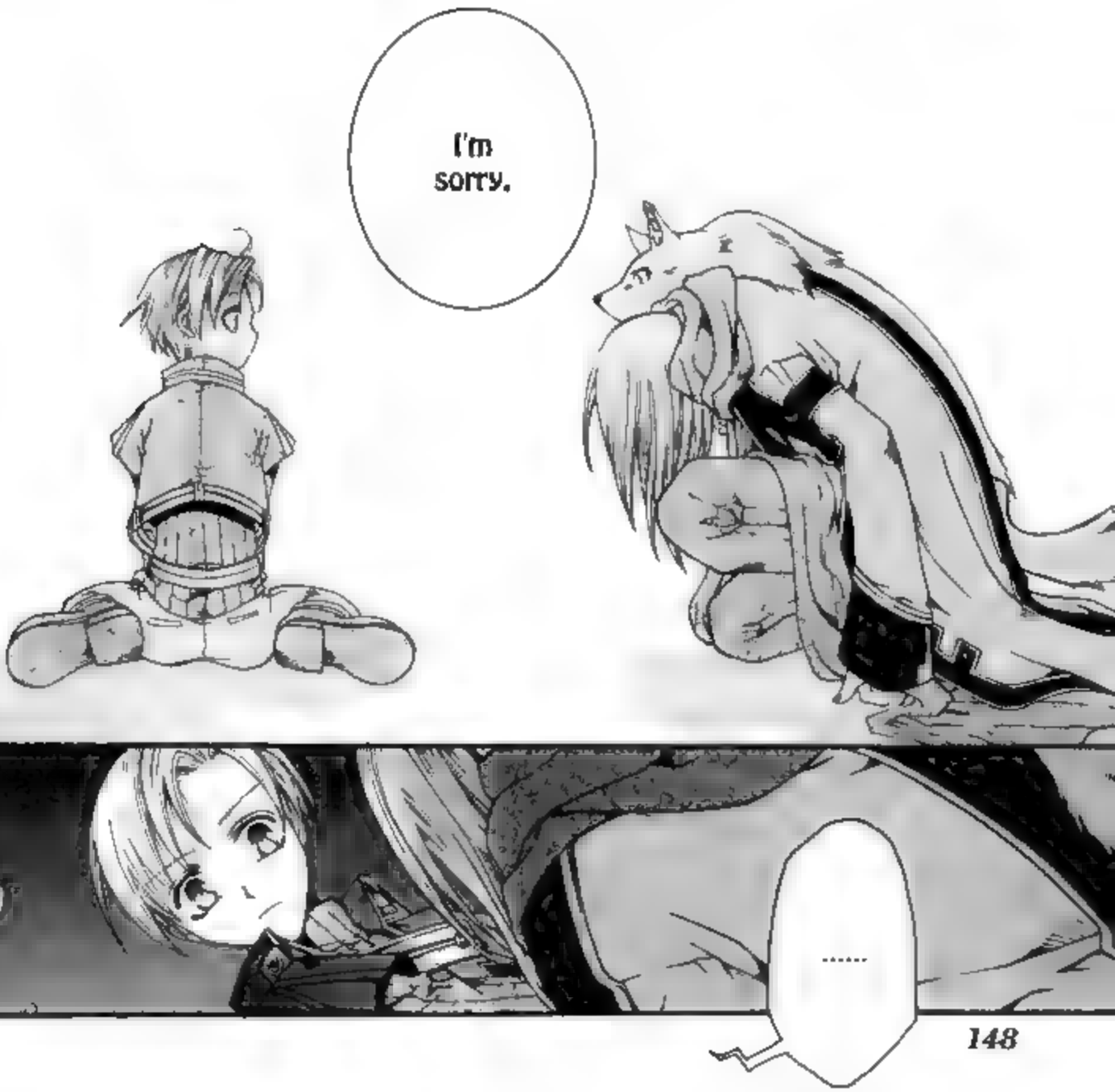
YOU...
WERE BETRAYED.
I'M GOING TO BE... KILLED?
THUST

ROLAND!!
Gasp
I DIDN'T TRUST HIM ENOUGH.

...IT'S MY FAULT.
ROLAND!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HOLD ON!
JUST HOLD ON, I'LL CALL FOR HELP...
...WHAT'S THAT?
"WE HAVE YOUR BROTHER. BRING THE KING IF YOU WANT HIM BACK"...?
WHAT...?
YOU FOOL! WHY'D YOU TRY TO FIX THIS ON YOUR OWN...?!

YOU IDIOT...!
THIS WAS THE ONLY.. WAY .. TO PROTECT... BOTH YOUR MAJESTY , AND RAY...
I'M . SORRY
.. YOUR
.....
...RO?
...HEY, ROLAND.
ROLAND!!
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY PREDICTABLE.

AND IN THE END. .
I WAS CARELESS AND STUPID ENOUGH TO FALL INTO A TRAP.
AND YET,
. I GOT RO KILLED.


I'm sorry.
.....

I won't forgive you.
YOU THINK APOLOGIZING IS ENOUGH?
YOU CAN SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE MAKING UP FOR IT

BY DOING YOUR DUTY AS THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY.

AS THE KING, YOUR LIFE ISN'T JUST YOURS ANYMORE.
IF YOU RUN AWAY HALFWAY THROUGH...
OR GET YOURSELF KILLED IN A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
IS THAT SOME-THING...

Sob
I HAD TO!
THAT A BRAT WHO WAS TRYING TO KILL ME JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO SHOULD SAY?
I can't let that slide.
YOU— SHUT UP!
IF I MADE IT YOUR FAULT, THEN I COULD BE A VICTIM!
BUT THEN...
THAT WOULD JUST BE DENYING MY BROTHER, WHO TRIED TO PROTECT YOU...
WHEN I REALIZED THAT, I...!
Rustle
..YEAH.
TO ANSWER TO THEIR LOYALTY ..
THE LOYALTY THAT RO AND ALL THE OTHERS SHOWED ME. .

I won't die, as long as I am King.
I swear it.

Tremble
Tremble
DID HIS MAJESTY PLAN HIS ESCAPE BECAUSE HE HAS SOMETHING TO HIDE?
ADVISOR!
WOULD YOU EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!
I'M TELLING YOU, KING DID THIS TO CLEAR HIMSELF OF SUSPICION—
AND YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH HELPING HIM, EITHER!!
Oh...
HONESTLY. ARE YOU TRYING TO GET MY BLOOD PRESSURE TO KILL ME?
Wobble
Huff
pant
pant
Like
care

AND HIS ADVISOR IS INCOMPETENT...
THE KING KILLS HIS GUARDS AND RUNS AWAY,
AND HIS SHADY BODYGUARD ABDUCTS LORD SHIROGANE.
THIS COUNTRY IS DOOMED.
THEN LET ME ASK!
I can't keep listening to this!
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF?!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BUT RAY'S TESTIMONY, DO YOU!!
THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T DENY IT IS GREATER PROOF THAN ANYTHING ELSE!
HE HASN'T ACKNOWLEDGED DOING IT, EITHER! MINISTER, MIGHT THIS BE A TRUMPED-UP CHARGE TO PROTECT YOUR FOSTER SON?!
What?!
THERE'S NO NEED TO EVEN CONSIDER! IT WAS AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT DISGUISED AS REVENGE, WASN'T IT?!
WHAT—
HOW DARE YOU!
Creak
WHAT— WHAT IMPERTINENCE!
YOU'RE THE ONE BEING DISRESPECTFUL!
Slump
Slump

NEITHER IS KING THE TYPE OF CHILD TO DO SUCH A THING!!
You want to try me, you old man?!
WATCH YOUR TONGUE!
RAY IS NOT THE TYPE OF CHILD TO DO SUCH A THING!!
You insolent brat!
Ky.
...Child?
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING WHILE YOU'RE SO BUSY.
THE TRAITOR, COUGAR,
TRICKED RAY INTO ATTEMPTING TO ASSAS-SINATE KING.
HOW IDIOTIC CAN YOU GET?

. DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ALL A BIT TOO NICE AND PAT?
AND THEY RESCUED RAY, BUT COUGAR ESCAPED.
KING AND "RIGHT-EYE" CLEARED UP THE MIS-UNDER-STANDING,
BA
...NO, IT'S NOT.
AM
WELL, WE HAVEN'T LIED, TECHNICALLY...
AND THE MINISTER, IDIOT OF A FATHER THOUGH HE IS, ACCEPTED IT, SO I GUESS IT'S FINE, RIGHT?
Amazingly effective Oriental digestive medicine
MAKE YOUR MOVE AFTER YOU'VE EXPLAINED. MY STOMACH WON'T HOLD UP IF YOU KEEP ON DOING THIS.
YOU PEOPLE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO COMMU-NICATE!
PARDON ME, LORD ADVISOR, BUT I BELIEVE I ALREADY INFORMED YOU.
You pathetic weak stomached man
YOU'RE MY ADVISOR, AREN'T YOU? FIGURE IT OUT WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT

The eye will never turn against the body it belongs to.
I MEAN, YEAH, YOU DID SAY THAT, BUT..
YES.
BUT COULDN'T YOU BE MORE, YOU KNOW
YES?
No it's fine drop it
Yes
I HEARD..
IT WAS JUST THREE MONTHS YESTERDAY.

... ..
..MY ADVISOR? DAMN HIM.
He just had to butt in
WHAT OTHER IDEAS DID HE PUT IN YOUR HEAD?
WHY I, A MERCENARY, WAS CHOSEN AS YOUR NEW BODYGUARD.
DID YOU FORGET? I TOLD YOU BEFORE.
BODYGUARDS ARE PAWNS TO BE USED AND THROWN AWAY
SO SOME VAGABOND WAS ENOUGH FOR YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S CERTAINLY TRUE THAT I HAVE NO COUNTRY OR HOME TO RETURN TO
NOR DO I HAVE FAMILY THAT COULD BE TAKEN HOSTAGE AND USED AGAINST ME. THAT'S WHY.

...AM I MISTAKEN?
.....
BZZ! WRONG!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE...
You're willing to risk death in order to "protect."
THE TYPE OF IDIOT WHO WOULD STAND IN FRONT OF AN ARROW.
...Just like them.

WHAT—
SO I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D DIE SOMEWHERE IF I DIDN'T PROTECT YOU.
Rumple
HUH?
Rumple
Rumple
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
THIS IDIOT WILL NEVER BETRAY ME.
he exploded
?
...THAT'S WHY...
Oh?
You wanna take me on?
Click
Click

I ADMIT THAT I HAD A LAPSE IN JUDGMENT, CERTAINLY.
BUT I...
I AM THE KING'S RIGHT EYE.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE, YOUR MAJESTY, I WILL NOT DIE, EITHER!
SO PLEASE...

Never again will I let there be...

!?
AN EARTH-QUAKE ?
NO. IT'S BEGUN
WHAT?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

BOOM
BOOM
MY CORONATION STARTS TODAY.
THOUGH THE ACTUAL CEREMONY ISN'T FOR ANOTHER THREE DAYS.
clang clang clang
THE KING'S CROWN...
BOOM
clang clang
IS HIDDEN WITHIN THE TOWER BY USE OF THIS SELF-MULTIPLICATION.
THERE'S A GATEKEEPER ON GUARD TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE BUT THE KING CAN GET IT
. TOWER?
In that tower.
BOOM

St
WELL, NOT THAT IT DOES SHIT TO HELP.
Are
APPARENTLY, HAVING THAT PELT DECIDE THE ROYAL SUCCESSION
WAS ORIGINALLY A SYSTEM MEANT TO DISSUADE ABUSES OF POWER THAT MIGHT LEAD TO USURPATION ATTEMPTS.
MUH?
STEP
WELL, THEN,
I GUESS IT'S TIME TO GO.
To search for the treasure.

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BASICALLY, THE CASTLE HAS A MAIN BODY.

THAT'S ISELPHIA, WHO ALSO GIVES HER NAME TO THE CASTLE.

SHE WAS ORIGINALLY THE KING'S PERSONAL ALCHEMIST...

Step

Step

6 "The Crown"

AND SHE MADE THE CROWN.

IT SAYS IN DOCUMENTS WRITTEN DURING THE FOUNDING OF THE NATION...

THAT THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT WHILE SHE WAS CONDUCTING AN EXPERIMENT, AND HER SPIRIT LEFT HER BODY AND ATTACHED TO THE CASTLE.

LORD SHIROGANE, WOULDN'T YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?

BUT IT SOUNDS PRETTY FISHY, IF YOU ASK ME.

Creak

YOU NEED TO LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE.

THINGS LIKE THIS ...

D.Gray-man

Are interesting exactly because no one knows.

#6 "The Crown"

Gah!

OWWW!

Huh?

BONK

DON'T SHOVE DOORS OPEN LIKE THAT!

DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW THAT, YOU IDIOT HULK KING?!

AND YOU, DON'T JUST STAND THERE WATCHING, OFFER A LADY A HAND!

.....

UH...

EXCUSE ME?

pat

pat

HUH?

kick

kick

THE CASTLE EXPANDED AGAIN, DIDN'T IT? NOW I'M LOST! THANKS FOR NOTHING!

THAT'S ELVIRA.

SHE'S THE ADVISOR'S DAUGHTER.

Sigh

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

WE'LL PICK YOU UP ON OUR WAY OUT, SO JUST WAIT TH...

SOMETHING THE MATTER?

Oh

WOULD YOU LEAVE A YOUNG INNOCENT GIRL ON HER OWN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

hg

See?

GUESS SOMETHING IS THE MATTER.

SO?

Step

THAT CROWN WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS HERE?

AT THE TOP OF THESE DAMN LONG STAIRS?

YOU SAW FROM THE OUTSIDE, DIDN'T YOU?

THIS TOWER GOES STRAIGHT UP TO THE CROWN ROOM IN THE STEEPLE.

Slu mp

I'm exhausted!!

AND,

SHOULD ANYONE MISGUIDED COME NEAR THE CROWN, THE GATEKEEPER WILL ELIMIN...

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO STAY BEHIND. WE'LL LEAVE YOU HERE.

YOU'RE SO COLD!

Reach

IT'S JUST A BIT FARTHER.

YOU CAN MAKE IT.

PIERCE

UNLIKE THE REST OF THE BODY, THE EYE IS GENTLE, ISN'T HE.

AH!

HMPH

...BUT...

"RIGHT-EYE" IS JUST TOO MUCH.

HOW SO?

...WHAT'S HE SO UPPITY ABOUT...?

...WELL...

I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER NAME TO BE CALLED BY,

Crack

BAM

TO BE CALLED SOMETHING THAT WAS LOST BECAUSE OF...

I MEAN . .

ISN'T IT AWFUL, TO BE REMINDED EVERY TIME SOMEONE SPEAKS TO YOU?

.....

IF YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH ENERGY TO TALK SHIT, KEEP ON CLIMBING.

AND NO MATTER THE REASON,

THE FACT THAT I AM NEEDED... MAKES ME HAPPY.

.....

KING'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GO BEYOND THIS POINT.

IF YOU DON'T WANT THE GATEKEEPER TO KILL YOU, YOU TWO WAIT HERE.

COME ON, KING, LET'S GO.

drip

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, YOUR MAJESTY?

.....

...NO... NOTHING... ...

drip

fwoooo

YOU'RE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS, AREN'T YOU.

OH, YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

...SERIOUSLY?

Shud

HAH. AS— AS IF. IT'S JUST A LITTLE

BIT?!

SHUT UP!!

Graph

YOU'RE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS DESPITE YOUR STUPIDITY? WOW.

Why don't you give him a hand?

Urg...

Uh...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, JUST LOOK FORWARD WHEN YOU WALK.

SNAP

...IT'S THE GATE-KEEPER!

KING?!

SLUMP

swoosh

IT_

YOU

HOLD...

LEAP

DAMN ...

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE A COWARD!!

RUN!!

grind

DAMMIT

DES

HOLD IT RIGHT

STOMP

STOMP STOMP STOMP

THEEEEEEEEERE!

FIN

DON'T SHOOT.

IF YOU'RE THE KING, MAKE HIM OBEY YOU.

.....

IF I'M THE KING, MAKE HIM OBEY ME?

HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING THE CROWN FOR THE KING, ISN'T HE?

THAT'S THE KING'S RIGHT EYE YOU'VE GOT THERE, GATEKEEPER.

ARE YOU GOING TO DEFY YOUR KING?

crunch

...!

BACK

KING?! WHAT THE—

THE THING HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING IS GONE.

SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING A GATEKEEPER?

IF HE CAN'T PROTECT THE COUNTRY, WHAT'S THE POINT OF ANY OF IT?

EVEN IF A KING'S PICKED BY SOME DAMN PELT AND GETS A CROWN, THE KING'S NO DIFFERENT.

huff

huff

THE THRONE'S JUST A NICE EXTRA. EVEN WITHOUT A CROWN, I'LL DO WHAT I HAVE TO DO.

AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT...

I'LL TAKE YOU ON. DO YOUR WORST.

FREEZE

.....

Release

"RIGHT-EYE"!!

YOUR MAJESTY .. I'M SORRY

DON'T TALK.

ARE YOU ALL...

HUH?

IT'S... NOTHING?

DON'T TELL ME IT WAS AN ILLUSION OR.....

Your gun hand was trembling, King.

FWISH

I...

I BEG YOUR PARDON FOR THAT.

Tch!

LIKE HELL IT WAS, YOU STUPID DOG.

WELL, YOU KNOW, AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...

BUT TO THINK, THE GATEKEEPER WAS ACTUALLY THE CROWN...

YOUR MAJESTY.

IF YOU WANT TO FINISH THIS, THEN YOU SHOULDN'T LET "RIGHT-EYE" TAKE THAT.

FRE

EZE

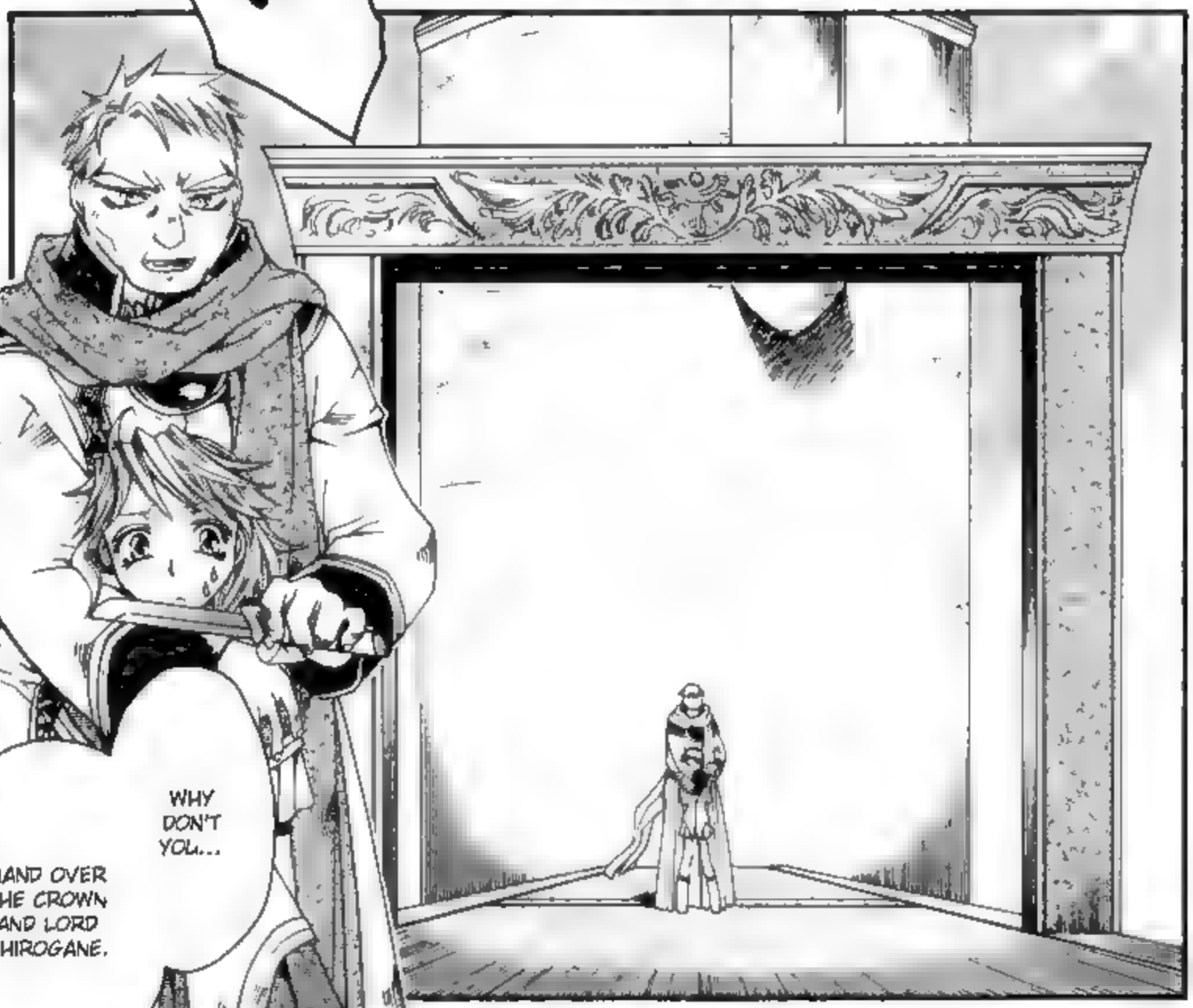
...THEN?

THE CROWN WILL OBEY NO ONE BUT THE KING. IF SOMEONE ELSE TOUCHES IT, THEN...

WHAT, IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?

Shot
THEN THIS TIME IT WON'T JUST BE AN ILLUSION.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
LET ME GO!!


WHY DON'T YOU...
HAND OVER THE CROWN AND LORD SHIROGANE.

Sigh

WHAT, THE "TAKE A HOSTAGE" TACTIC AGAIN?

CAN'T YOU COME UP WITH SOMETHING ORIGINAL EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE?

Twitch

Again?

YOU WERE BETRAYED AGAIN...

YOU LET IT SLIP.

THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW HOW RO WAS BLACK-MAILED ARE COUGAR...

OR ELSE, THE PERSON WHO HIRED HIM TO DO IT.

SO YOU HAVEN'T SURVIVED THIS LONG ON SHEER LUCK, I SEE.

BUT IF YOU KNEW, THEN WHY?

WAS IT OUT OF CONSID-ERATION FOR RAY?

...HOW KIND OF YOU.

UNDAUNTED BY THE ENDLESS ATTACKS, YOU CONTINUE TO CLING TO THE THRONE.

AND YOU, YOUR MAJESTY?

Step

YOU WANT THE THRONE THAT MUCH?

Crunch

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY.

AS LONG AS I SIT ON THE THRONE, THEY'RE SURE TO COME AGAIN.

THE FOOLS WHO FELLED THE LAST KING...

AND TRIED TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY.

FOOLS JUST LIKE YOU.

PL

.....

NOT HIM, HUH?

OP

Ouch

...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

DIDN'T THE PREVIOUS KING DIE OF ILLNESS?

YOU CAN HAVE IT.

WELL, WHATEVER.

IF YOU WANT IT SO BAD...

Click

Thud!

Stick!!

AHA HA HA!

HA!

BWAHAHA! WHAT A FOOL! ALL FOR A SINGLE GIRL!

ROLAND DIED FOR ABSO-LUTELY NOTHING!

THERE'S NO CORO-NATION WITHOUT A CROWN, IS THERE!

NOW! WHY DON'T YOU HAND OVER LORD SHIROGANE AS WELL!

Fwish

EEP!

"Right-Eye."

SHLUNK

NOW...

YOU'RE THE FOOL.

clank

GAH!

CLANK

CLANK

STILL?!

YOU PATHETIC COWARD KING!!

SLAM

Dan

SHIT!

.....

Hoooh

CLANK

WELL, FOCUS ON THE CROWN!!

I WAS FOCUSED ON THE MINISTER, SO I... FORGOT... SO HIGH..!

CLANK

YOU WERE FINE JUST A MOMENT AGO! STAND UP!!

I CAN'T .. STAND ..

HURRY UP! IT'S GOING TO FALL!!

CRASH

"RIGHT-EYE"?!

YOU CAN'T! YOU'LL ...

GLUK

GLUK

...TAKE THIS!

KICK

SMACK

...AH!

"RIGHT-EYE"!!

HUH?

Crunch

Bink

I'M...

...NOT FALLING?

IT EXPANDED?

Phew

...Well, you are...

The ***King's right eye,*** aren't you?

PROTECTING MY MASTER THE KING...

IS MY JOB AS THE PALACE.

Wo

Ho

Ho

Ho

AND BESIDES ..

Slump

I SIMPLY COULDN'T LET SUCH A FINE MAN DIE RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.

THE PALACE ...

ISE..PHIA?

...YOU LITTLE...

YOU KNEW SHE WAS *POSSESSING* HER, DIDN'T YOU?!

That's what that sigh was about!

IF I'D TOLD YOU, THIS WOULD ALL BE POINTLESS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

AFTER ALL, THIS WAS MY LAST TEST FOR THE KING. ♡

THE PALACE AND THE CROWN HAVE ACKNOWL-EDGED YOU AS THE KING,

SO I'M WILLING TO OVERLOOK THE SMALLER THINGS.

...I have high hopes for you.

The day of the coronation

KNOCK

YOUR MAJESTY.

IT'S TIME.

Click

WOW.

THE CLOTHES REALLY DO MAKE THE MAN.

Hmph

I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR YOU.

SMILE

WELL, THEN, LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED.

RIGHT? "RIGHT-EYE."

THE BEST...

...IS YET TO COME.

Yes, Your Majesty.

Afterword

Well, this is the afterword. Each plot turn in the storyboard had me screaming, "I don't have enough pages!" Thanks to that, I've only got one page for the afterword. (sniff)

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I was practically howling to the moon with how much I wanted to draw Shirogane — or should I say, these two characters — so I'm ecstatic that I could do it. If everyone enjoyed the story as well, I'm happy. *Really.*

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